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#### Needed businesses in town center:

- Pharmacy
- Taqueria
- Laundromat
- Farmer's Market
- · Night life: Café's taquerias, dance hall, pubs,
- Mexican bakery
- Ice cream shop
- Locally owned businesses
- Multi-lingual bookstore
- Breakfast places, cafes
- Improved night life: Places that stay open later besides bars
- Organic/Health food store (\*not expensive like PCC)
- Women' shop (boutique)
- Crafts store
- Hardware store
- Retail be owned by communities of color
- Affordable organic food store (locally owned and operated)
- Consignment shop
- Picture-framing shop
- Businesses
- Ice cream shop
- Butcher shop
- Mexican bakery/kiosks/fast ethnic food sotres (locally owned)
- Movie House or movie rental
- Import trade store/ local/ fair trade only
- Art gallery to promote local art/structures and construcion to maintain cultural community identity
- Development must provide green energy, green jobs
- Develop method for exchanging home grown crops with local businesses
- Food and vegetable stands
- Local post office
- Hardware store
- Multilingual bookstore
- Retail space and businesses to be owned and developed by communities of color

### Needed resources:

- Employment training and training resources
- Assistance with small business development
- Free legal clinic/community health center/counseling services
- Community health clinic
- Increased transportation between Central Area, So. Park, White Center, and West Seattle

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- Increased access to Rainier
- Increased access to computers/technology/internet café/free training/WiFI
- Increased green spaces and parks
- Swimming pool
- Community gymnasium
- Senior activities
- Improve and expand El Centro's playground
- Free multi-language classes
- Foreclosure and mortgage assistance so people will not be forced to lose homes as neighborhood prices increase

### Safety:

- Additional parking
- Speed bumps
- Decreased speeds
- Safe pedestrian crosswalks
- Timed and coordinated traffic lights to improve both flow of traffic and pedestrian movement
- Increased lighting on streets/playfields, Cheasty Blvd, in general
- Increased safety at viewpoints by increasing lighting, benches, fences, play areas, covered space
- Improve/widen Beacon Avenue
- Expansion of Beacon Avenue Boulevard to North Beacon Hill (Rizal Bridge); add bike path
- Change curbs to enforce traffic flow patterns
- Family, not professional bike access
- Widen curbs/add trees, green spaces, to reduce pollution, noise, and to protect pedestrians
- Improved signage
- Bicycle parking
- Strengthen emergency services/increased reponse system –police/hospital access
- Walking trails
- Barriers between traffic and pedestrians
- Green spaces with benches and play areas

### Cultural recreational and open space needs:

- Important for viewpoints to be safe—reiterated—need fenses, play areas, lighting, safe access, benches
- Cultural/recreation/some listed elsewhere:
- Performance arts theatre/place to learn about music, play instruments/buy music
- Auditorium/gymnasium for exercise and sports
- Dance hall
- Turf/ grass fields/soccer fields
- Murals and art works that reflect the multi-cultural flavor of the diverse Latino community

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- Youth facility targeting Latino youth
- Youth activities center for dance, poetry, instrumental, writing, tutoring and cultural activities
- Organized soccer league
- Affordable housing for seniors (wait-list is too long)!
- Public art to be representative of community
- Culturally relevant places stay open longer at night (other than bars)
- Central square performance arts area, could be in center of new El Centro housing/business development

# Housing needs:

- Affordable housing for work force families and individuals
- Raised organic beds for all homes with yard space or lawns (to be shared, sold, or exchanged in community or with local businesses, or for family consumption)
- Change zoning to allow for El Centro's development of its southern edge to include underground parking, street level businesses, and multi-use affordable housing for low income, workforce families and seniors.
- El Centro's housing development should include community performance and gathering space
- Ensure that current residents are able to continue to reside in the neighborhood without fearing that rents will force them out.

#### **Environmental concerns:**

- Pollution
- Need to increase number of trees/green educational programs, training/provide information/teach
- Increased green spaces and trails

#### Concerns:

- Safety between trains and cars
- Safety between trains and pedestrians